

REMARKS

This amendment is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination.

Claims 1, 3 and 4 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over Beller in view of Clare. Applicant has amended claims 1, 3 and 4.

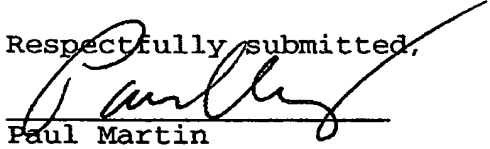
The references fail to teach or suggest updating the inventory records to reflect return of a product and its label identification information. Bar code labels have no label identification information.

Claims 2 and 5 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over Beller in view of Clare, and further in view of Junger. Applicant has amended claims 2 and 5.

The references fail to teach or suggest updating the inventory records to reflect return of a product and its label identification information. The references further fail to teach or suggest determining whether the product was sold by the store using the identification information.

Applicant now respectfully requests that the pending claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,


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